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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS

AND

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

OF THE

TOWN OF DENMARK,

FOR THE

Municipal Year 1861. - 62

BRIDGTON, ME.
REPORTER OFFICE, S. H. NOYEN, PRINTER,
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY LIABLE TO BE TAXED.

Amount of Resident valuation,	\$163,400 00
" Non-Resident "	23,533 00
Total Valuation,	<u>\$186,933 00</u>
Whole number of Polls, 249,	
Number of Voters, Sept., 1861, 301.	

ASSESSMENTS.

State Tax,	\$315 91
County Tax,	320 01
Money voted by town, for support of Schools,	800 00
" " " Paupers, &c.,	965 00
" " " Repairs of Highways,	1000 00

RATES OF ASSESSMENTS.

Money tax, 1 dollar pays 12 mills. Poll tax, \$1 00.
 Highway tax, " " 4 9-10 mills. Poll tax, 52.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount Voted by the town,	\$800 00
" received from State, (Bank Tax,)	172 64
Interest on School Fund,	32 80
Total,	<u>\$1005 44</u>

Whole number of scholars returned on the first day of April, 1861,
495.

Proportion of money to each scholar, \$2 03 1 mill.

APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Description of District.	No. of Scholars.	Amount of money.
Centre District,	42	85 30
District, No. 1,	54	109 67
" " 2,	62	125 92
" " 3,	49	99 51
" " 4,	38	77 17
" " 5,	22	44 68
" " 6,	27	54 83
" " 7,	4	8 12
" " 8,	61	123 89
" " 9,	21	42 65
" " 10,	41	83 27
" " 11,	26	52 80
" " 12,	22	44 68
" " 13,	14	28 43
J. Brackett and others,	12	24 37
Total,		<u>\$1005 29</u>
Surplus,		<u>15</u>
		<u>\$1005 44</u>

REPAIRING OF HIGHWAYS.

The sum of \$1000, raised by the town, having been expended under the supervision of the several highway Surveyors, has served to keep our highways passable, during the year, except that we have had to expend about \$12 00 for opening certain roads, blocked up with snow.

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS.

The following schedule exhibits the amount of our Pauper bills, so far as known, from the 22d of March, 1861, to March 22, 1862.

Name of Paupers.	Amount paid.	To whom paid.
Asahel Porter and wife,	\$104 00	T. H. Smith.
Asenath Whidden,	39 00	F. Whidden.
Dorothy Bragdon,	20 00	Wm. Allen.
John Bachelder,	32 37	B. McKay.
" "	15 79	Isaac Bachelder.
L. J. Grover,	6 88	J. Bennett.
Eunice Richardson,	7 70	J. Bennett.
" "	1 00	J. H. Warren.
Timothy Walker,	10 00	J. Bennett.
Phebe Long,	4 19	J. Bennett.
" "	1 00	F. L. Rice.
" "	2 75	J. G. Swan, (wood.)
" "		Nath'l Eames.
Thomas Richardson,	1 42	J. Bennett.
S. S. Frost's family,	69 67	J. Bennett.
" " "	9 00	J. G. Swan, (wood.)
" " "	1 00	F. L. Rice.
Samuel T. Gilman's family,	13 69	J. Bennett.
" " "	33 30	W. F. Davis, (wood)
" " "	2 00	F. L. Rice.
" " "	3 00	M. Gould.
" " "	2 00	T. H. Jack.
Lewis Richardsen,	10 36	Town of Sebago.
	<hr/> \$390 12	

It is well known that for several years past, files of Deeds have been accumulating in the Treasurer's Office, conveying to the inhabitants of the town, certain lands, sold in consequence of the non-payment of taxes.

At the Annual Town Meeting, in March last, the town instructed an Agent to reconvey said lands on the receipt of the taxes and costs, with six per cent. interest, from the date of the deeds. Up to this time, only

two parcels have been redeemed, to wit: One lot taxed to B. Brackett, known as "Parsonage Lot," redeemed by L. A. Berry. And one lot, taxed to Cyrus Ingalls, as "Littlefield land," redeemed by Wm. Bean. Of the sixteen parcels of Resident Real Estate, sold in May, 1861, by Thomas C. Smith, for taxes assessed in 1858, a schedule of which may be found in the Selectmen's Report of last year, only one lot,—the Homestead of John T. Boston,—has been redeemed. And of the nine parcels of Non-Resident lands, sold by Charles E. Smith, Collector for 1859, also reported last year, three parcels have been redeemed, to wit: "Late Homestead of Wm. H. White." "Lot near Holt's Mill Pond," taxed to "T. S. Williams or owner unknown," and "same, lot near J. Richardson's."

In addition to the above, B. F. Smith, Collector for 1860, has sold and executed Deeds of the following, to wit:

	Tax and Cost.
T. K. Clifford, Homestead,	\$3 35
Thomas Newcomb, Homestead,	11 90
Thomas Newcomb, Wid. Poor Meadow,	2 45
Silvester Lord, Homestead,	2 18
Dorcas L. Ingalls, "	5 60
Stephen Libby, "	2 45
Jonathan Dresser, "	3 08
L. K. Ingalls, Store and Lot,	4 70
" " Picked Hill Lot,	2 90

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

By reference to the Treasurer's Books, we find the following amounts due from Collector's of previous years, to wit :

From Thomas C. Smith, Collector for 1858,	\$330 16
“ Charles E. Smith, “ “ 1859,	140 40
“ Benj. F. Smith, “ “ 1860,	364 16
“ George R. Bean, “ “ 1861,	1776 12

STATE OF FINANCES.

Resources :

Amount due from the several Collectors,	\$2610 84
“ due on L. K. Ingall's note,	73 49
“ due on Tarbox & Bean's note,	106 00
“ Interest on School Fund,	32 80
“ / due on lands sold for taxes,	411 05
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	20 08
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	\$3254 26

Liabilities :

Amount of Outstanding Orders,	\$2358 77
“ Interest on above, (estimated,)	223 17
“ due for support of Paupers, quarter ending March 22,	38 29
“ “ the several School Districts,	496 99
“ “ T. C. Smith, for Collecting taxes, 1858,	70 72
“ “ C. E. Smith, “ “ 1859,	59 97
“ “ B. F. Smith, “ “ 1860,	26 16
“ “ G. R. Bean, “ “ 1861,	67 50
“ “ Town of Sebago, for supplies to Lewis Richardson,	7 53
“ “ Bills of Town Officer's bills, 1861,	120 00
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	\$3469 10

LIST OF ORDERS

*Drawn since March 11, 1861, exclusive of School Orders, and
Orders drawn for support of Paupers.*

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS FOR 1860.

Selectmen—L. P. Sawyer,	\$32 00
E. P. Ingalls,	30 00
J. H. Warren,	15 00
Town Treasurer—E. P. Pingree,	10 00
School Committee—L. P. Sawyer,	16 00
J. H. Farrington,	18 00
C. Ingalls.	
Physician—L. P. Sawyer,	8 50
Constable—B. F. Smith,	3 00
Taking care of Town House, H. H. Smith,	3 00
Agent in suit, "Sebago vs. Denmark," F. L. Rice,	15 00
Committee on Accounts, Wm. Bean,	1 00

NOT AUDITED BY THE TOWN.

Joseph Berry, Repairs on Road near Town House,	3 00
Sewall Fly, witness fee. Sebago vs. Denmark,	6 70
F. L. Rice, limiting School Districts,	7 00
Jona. Ingalls, services as Constable, and money paid out,	7 50
William Fessenden, bridge across Moose Brook.	65 00

T. S. Williams, abatement of taxes, for 1859 and 1860,	7 16
E. P. Pingree, abatement non-resident tax, "Lane Lot,"	2 00
Abner Allen, breaking road, near H. Lords, (March, 1861,)	3 00
Sanborn & Carter, blank books and stationery,	5 15
Wm. Fessenden, building road, to A. M. Sanborn's,	74 00
Thomas C. Smith, abatement of taxes, for 1857 and 8.	52 43
B. F. Smith, Land sold for taxes, Nov. 12, 1861,	7 38
" " " " " Jan. 11, 1862,	26 73

LIQUOR AGENCY.

A few days previous to the death of Mr. Head, the former Agent in this department, an investigation was had by the Selectmen of 1860, showing a balance in favor of the Agency, including money, liquors, &c., of \$26 36. There was appropriated toward the payment of a demand, due the town of Fryeburg, \$18 11, leaving in the Agency, at the time of appointing the present Agent, \$8 25

Paid for Liquors, freight, &c., since Jan. 8, 1861,	227 53
Agents Salary,	25 00

Amounting to	\$260 78
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Cash received of Agent, since Jan. 8, 1861,	243 98
Liquors, vessels, &c., on hand, (estimated at)	40 00

Amounting to	\$283 98
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Leaving a balance in favor of the Agency, of	\$23 20
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CURRENT EXPENSES FOR 1861.

Paid for support of Paupers,	\$391 12
Amount distributed to School Districts,	800 00
Paid for Blank books and Stationery,	5 15
“ “ Printing Town Report,	15 00
“ “ Breaking Roads,	12 00
“ Wm. Fessenden, for building Bridge,	65 00
“ “ “ for making Road,	74 00
Percentage for Collecting Taxes,	67 50
Bills of Town Officers, (estimated)	120 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1861.

Selectmen—E. P. Ingalls,	\$30 00
“ J. H. Warren,	21 50
“ F. L. Rice,	30 00
Town Clerk—C. E. Holt.	
Town Treasurer—E. P. Pingree,	8 00
S. S. Committee—J. H. Farrington,	12 00
“ “ C. E. Holt,	12 00
“ “ Cyrus Ingalls.	
Constable—G. R. Bean.	

REMARKS.

In submitting this hastily prepared Report of our doings, and the financial affairs of the town for the Municipal year, about to close, a word in relation to the future, may not be deemed inappropriate. In the present distracted condition of the country, with the immense expenditures of the Government, an increased burthen of taxation is too palpable not to be foreseen by every observer. While the prospect for obtaining the means to meet such demands, seems to diminish in a corresponding ratio. At such a time it is but reasonable to expect an increased amount of pauperism, for "the poor ye always have with you."

In view of these facts, every citizen must be impressed with the importance of a rigid economy in conducting the financial affairs of the town; and the question naturally presents itself if any change in our present system of supporting paupers, can be made to advantage. The inquiry has frequently been made as

to the expediency of a "Poor Farm," and this inquiry again presents itself at the coming annual Town Meeting.

It has not been our intention to express an opinion, or advise in this matter, but simply to throw out the above hints for the consideration of the voters of Denmark.

E. P. INGALLS,	} Selectmen	
J. H. WARREN,		of Denmark
F. L. RICE,		for 1861.

February 27, 1862.